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(C) The Dutch share U.S. concerns over some Allies' plans for drawing down NATO's Kosovo Force (KFOR). Although the Dutch presence in KFOR is limited (a 4-person medical surgical team and one advisor at the Kosovar Ministry of Security), they are committed to see the mission to completion. Pol-Mil Officer delivered reftel points March 19 to Guusje Korthals in the NATO division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Security Policy Department. Korthals emphasized that the Kosovo Security Force is not ready and any discussions at this point on adjusting the posture of KFOR is premature. She opined that we must "wait for the right moment" to begin the discussions and that even this summer may be too early. As a side note, she relayed the importance of the Dutch advisor to the Kosovar Ministry of Security and the intensity of his efforts to assist in the standing up of the Ministry.
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